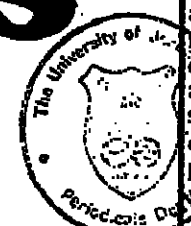


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Algerian envoy arrives in Iraq

NICOSIA (A.P.) — Algerian Foreign Affairs Minister Mohammed Sedik Ben Yehia arrived in Baghdad Friday as an envoy of Algerian President Chadli Benjedid to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. INA said the envoy was carrying a message from Mr. Benjedid to the Iraqi president. Contents of the message were not disclosed.

U.N. envoy holds talks in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (A.P.) — The United Nations special envoy on Afghanistan Jiege Cordovez, had a three-hour meeting Friday with Foreign Minister Saheb Zada Yaqub Khan to discuss his recent visit to Afghanistan. Officials refused to give details of the talks, the second such meeting since Mr. Cordovez arrived here Thursday from Kabul. Mr. Cordovez himself was reluctant to discuss his visit to the Afghan capital, but described his talks with the regime of Babrak Karmal as "useful."

Demonstration in Warsaw dispersed

WARSAW (R) — Police Friday dispersed a demonstration by about 500 people in Warsaw's central Victory Square, the biggest unauthorised public gathering reported in the capital since martial law was declared last December. The demonstrators, who ranged from young children to elderly women but were mostly of student age, converged on a 15-metre floral cross at the centre of the square. Informal sources said the demonstration was organised by activists of the suspended free trade union Solidarity. Demonstrators placed lighted candles in memory of workers killed in clashes with security forces shortly after the military crackdown.

Iran police raid Shariat-Madari's offices in Qom

LONDON (R) — Iranian security forces have raided the offices of Ayatollah Kazem Shariat-Madari, the country's second most senior spiritual leader, and arrested his son-in-law, relatives said on Friday. They told Reuters by telephone from Tehran that some 50 Revolutionary Guards, armed with automatic rifles, burst into the offices several days ago and arrested Ahmad Abassi who was in charge of the premises, adjacent to the cleric's home in the city of Qom. The relatives said there was no violence during the incident, which took place in the building used by ailing Ayatollah Shariat-Madari for receiving well-wishers, mostly from his native province of Azerbaijan.

Iranian troops attack Kurds

LONDON (R) — Iranian government forces backed by helicopter gunships and heavy artillery have launched a major offensive against Kurdish rebels in the western part of the country, Kurdish sources said on Friday. A senior member of the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) in Paris told Reuters by telephone that units of the Iranian regular army and Revolutionary Guards were engaged in fierce fighting with rebels over a wide area in north-west Iran. The guerrilla leader, who only identified himself as Hedi, said Iranian soldiers were pounding rebel bases with long-range artillery and using helicopters to flush out the insurgents. Iran's national news agency IRNA reported on Thursday that government troops had killed 75 rebels and wounded 40 in a series of mopping up operations in the area.

Iraqi forces kill 16 Iranians

BEIRUT (R) — Iraqi forces killed 16 Iranians and lost three men in fighting in the Gulf war over the past 24 hours, the Iraqi News Agency reported Friday quoting a military communiqué.

Optimism expressed in Buenos Aires for Falkland solution

LONDON (R) — U.S. and Argentine officials expressed optimism Friday that progress was being made towards a peaceful settlement of the Falkland Islands crisis. But as a powerful British fleet headed for the South Atlantic, Argentine warships were reported to have sailed from mainland ports. At the same time Argentina warned all shipping to steer clear of a 200-mile war zone imposed by Britain around the islands after they were seized by Argentine troops two weeks ago. Hopes of a diplomatic solution were raised after U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig had another round of talks with Argentine President Leopoldo Galtieri and Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez in Buenos Aires.

There was no official comment on the discussions, the latest in a series Mr. Haig has had with Argentine and British leaders, but Mr. Costa Mendez gave a thumbs-up sign when asked how the talks were going. Argentine government officials said privately the meeting had been positive, and one American official commented: "Things may have turned around a bit." A few hours earlier, Argentina had said in its warning to international shipping that it was "resolved to adopt self-defence measures in the (war) zone." The despatch of Argentine warships was reported by the official Telam news agency. An Argentine newspaper quoted naval sources as saying the bulk of the country's navy led by an aircraft carrier was heading for the war zone.

But there was no official confirmation of the fleet's destination, and the British defence ministry suggested Argentina might merely be engaged in a propaganda exercise to boost morale. Britain already has nuclear-powered submarines in the area and has threatened to sink any Argentine warship it finds in the war zone. Local residents reported that the British task force left Ascension Island in the mid-Atlantic Thursday on the second leg of its voyage to the Falklands.

Reagan: U.K. wants to save face
Meanwhile, in Washington, U.S. columnist Jack Anderson quoted President Reagan as having suggested British leaders wanted a small military clash with Argentina "to save face" before reaching a settlement in the Falklands dispute.

"They'll want a skirmish to save face," Mr. Reagan was quoted as having told Mr. Haig last Sunday.

The comment was contained in a purported transcript of a telephone conversation between the president and Mr. Haig concerning the secretary's efforts to settle the Anglo-Argentine dispute.

Violence continues despite Beirut truce

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Warring Lebanese leftist and Shiite Muslim militias pierced a Syrian-arranged ceasefire Friday, trading mortar barrages, gunpoint kidnappings and grenade ambushes on the fifth day of Lebanon's worst wave of violence this year, police reported. The spokesman said seven militiamen were killed and nine others wounded as Shiite and leftist ambushed each other's patrol jeeps with grenades at the Bourj Al Barajneh district near Beirut International Airport. Traffic at the facility was not affected, however.

The spokesman, who declined to be named in conformity with government regulations, said the new hostilities pushed the total casualty toll to 59 killed and 149 wounded since the fighting broke out in southern Lebanon on Monday and spread to Beirut on Wednesday.

The antagonists also set up makeshift roadblocks and kidnapped 70 suspected supporters of the rival groups at several Bourj Al Barajneh neighbourhoods as armoured Syrian units sought to expand buffer zones they established at midnight Thursday to disengage the combatants, according to the spokesman.

He denied local reports of renewed clashes in southern Lebanon, where armoured battalions from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) moved into a string of Mediterranean towns and villages overnight on Lebanon's coastal highway to enforce a standstill.

The 80-kilometres (50-mile) highway from Beirut to the ancient port city of Tyre is the supply line to PLO bases on Israel's northern flank in predominantly

posals and India's relations with Pakistan.

It will be the first such visit by a government head in 26 years. Mrs. Gandhi's father, the late Jawaharlal Nehru, went to Saudi Arabia as prime minister in 1956 following a visit to India a year before by the late King Saud. Mrs. Gandhi is due to have meetings with Indian communities in both Jeddah and Riyadh. Officials say over 120,000 Indians are working in Saudi Arabia, mainly in the construction industry.



Palestinians stage demonstration near Al Aqsa Mosque after Friday prayers (A.P. wirephoto)

U.N. plan gets shape for Falkland dispute

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has begun preparing for a possible request to have the U.N. administer the Falkland Islands pending a settlement of the sovereignty dispute, officials said Friday. The sources said this was behind the "certain ideas" and "contingency plans" cited by his spokesman in announcing that Under-Secretary General Rafeuddin Ahmad had been named to lead a secretariat "brains trust" in the crisis.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar, who cut short a scheduled 19-day European trip to return to New York on Monday because of the Falklands problem, asked Mr. Ahmad last week to begin the planning, the U.N. spokesman said. The spokesman declined to elaborate, but other sources said senior U.N. officials felt that if Argentina withdrew from the Falklands under an accord that left the sovereignty issue open, a U.N. interim administration would be useful to both sides.

Iran's Parliament Speaker Ali-Akbar Rafsanjani on Friday reiterated his nation's support of Amal, accusing its leftist adversaries of seeking to "plunge Lebanon into a bloodbath" instead of turning their guns against Israel, according to the state-run Tehran Radio.

The Syrians moved troops and tanks into Beirut's embattled mid-city neighbourhoods of Kh-

ndak Al Ghamik and Basta in addition to Bourj Al Barajneh overnight Thursday. The police spokesman said the ceasefire was intact in the central neighbourhoods at sundown Friday.

The Christian forces in East Beirut have stayed out of the current fighting. But they have publicly sympathised with Amal and urged it to transform the hostilities into a "liberation war" against the leftists.

French envoy hints Carlos may be involved in Beirut double murder

BEIRUT (A.P.) — The French ambassador here said Friday international terrorist Carlos might be involved in the slayings of an embassy employee and his pregnant wife who were shot to death in their Beirut apartment by gunmen posing as flower delivery men.

In an interview with French journalists, Ambassador Paul Marc Henry was quoted as saying he could not rule out the possibility the deaths were tied to Carlos, the alias used by Venezuelan-born Terrorist Ilich Ramirez Sanchez. Carlos, after several years in retirement, last month threatened to strike against the French government if two West European suspected terrorists were not released from French prisons by April 1.

Mr. Henry was quoted as saying the close-range shootings of 28-year-old Guy Cavallo and his 25-year-old wife Caroline, were a "professional job," and an "act of terrorism with the characteristic style of Carlos."

An embassy spokesman, who declined to be named for security reasons, told reporters earlier Friday that Mr. Cavallo and his wife, who was six months pregnant, had been shot in the head Thursday night in their apartment in the Sakiet Al Janzeer neighbourhood in West Beirut.

The young couple arrived in Beirut six months ago. Mr. Cavallo was the French embassy's communications officer with no diplomatic status while his wife taught mathematics at German school in Beirut.

Police officials said the shooting was carried out by one or more attackers who used a 7.65 calibre pistol equipped with a silencer. Beirut medical examiner Dr. Ahmad Harati said he extracted nine bullets from the body of Mr. Cavallo and five bullets from Mrs. Cavallo's body.

A French embassy spokesman said the Cavallos were expecting guests for dinner and might have thought it natural to receive flowers just before their guests arrived. He said the bodies were dis-

Sharif ridicules Israeli story

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif said here Friday that the Arabs are not that naive to believe Israel's story that the recent attack on Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem was the work of a mad young man and that the man who burnt Al Aqsa Mosque in 1969 was also mentally unstable.

Delivering Friday sermon at Amman's Prince Hassan Mosque, Mr. Sharif wondered about "the difference in lunacy between Zionist youths intent on destroying Al Aqsa with bullets and the Zionist philosophy of settling a people without a homeland in a homeland without people". This lunacy, he said, has now been replaced by an annihilation campaign to drive the Arab inhabitants from their homeland because these inhabitants have risen and took up the struggle against the invaders.

Shuttle diplomacy gets on to break deadlock on Sinai

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Senior diplomats shuttled between Egypt and Israel Friday and appeared to be making progress in clearing the way for Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai in nine days' time.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel, striving to repair a recent deterioration in Egyptian-Israeli relations, said he was confident the problems could be resolved.

Mr. Stoessel, speaking after a second round of talks with Israeli leaders, was later flying to Cairo. Israeli officials said Prime Minister Menachem Begin had reason to be optimistic, but the situation would not be clear until Mr. Stoessel returned to Israel on Sunday.

Egypt's Deputy Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali arrived with a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that Mr. Begin's aides described as very satisfactory.

Doubts that Israel will complete its evacuation of Sinai on schedule

Paris 'concerned' over W.Bank

PARIS (A.P.) — The French government on Friday renewed its concern about violence in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories and asked that all possible measures be instituted to protect human rights. "The French government, profoundly concerned by the recent drama in Jerusalem which has saddened the Muslim community as well as by the grave incidents on the West Bank and Gaza, sympathises with the victims," a spokesman for the ministry of external affairs said. "It expresses the ardent hope that everything possible will be done to stop all of the violence and that human rights will be respected in all circumstances."

Palestinians step up protests Israelis kill 2 Gaza youths

GAZA, Occupied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — Israeli troops opened fire on Palestinian demonstrators, Friday, killing two youths in the occupied Gaza Strip. Another 16 were injured in demonstrations in Gaza and the occupied West Bank, an Israeli army command spokesman said.

One 16-year-old youth was shot dead when demonstrators attacked an army patrol with rocks and clubs, the spokesman said.

The second Palestinian, 18-year-old, Ismail Abu Dalal of Khan Yunis, died in hospital of gunshot wounds suffered when the Israeli army opened fire on protesters in Abbas near Khan Yunis at the southern end of the Gaza Strip.

The deaths brought to three the number of Palestinians killed in six days of uprising in the wake of the Easter Sunday attack on Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem by a Jewish gunman which killed two and injured 30 others.

Another demonstration in Gaza was broken up by troops using truncheons, Gaza sources said. The demonstrators chanted "God is great" and "In blood and fire we will redeem you, O Palestine."

Police placed a massive guard around Al Aqsa Mosque to head off demonstrations in the Dome of the Rock and at the mosque, and after Friday prayers passed peacefully, youths staged a mass demonstration.

Black smoke rose in the streets as Palestinian youths burned tires in the Silwan quarter in protest at the gun attack. Police made several arrests.

An army checkpoint at Al Birah, north of Jerusalem, was attacked by demonstrators who threw stones and rolled burning tires at soldiers.

Israeli troops drove armoured personnel carriers mounted with .50-calibre machine guns up and down Gaza streets, which were deserted Friday afternoon.

Saudis urge maintaining drive for Jerusalem

RIYADH (A.P.) — The Saudi state radio Friday urged Arab League member states to initiate "a reconciliation and isolation" process so that the current Islamic drive for Jerusalem could be used "positively" in the interest of the Arab cause.

"Following the unprecedented Islamic response to King Khaled's strike call, the time has never been more suitable for an Arab League initiative to solve bilateral (inter-Arab) differences, then collectively isolate elements obstructing a pan-Arab plan," the radio said in its main political commentary.

The radio's reference was to the wide governmental and popular response to the call by King Khaled for an Islamic strike, staged two days ago, in protest over the Easter shooting in Al Aqsa Mosque by an Israeli soldier which killed two worshippers and injured 30 others, and over the repressive Israeli policies in occupied Arab territories.

The Libyan government of Col. Muammar Qadhafi, who objected to the pan-Arab approval of an eight-point Saudi blueprint for a comprehensive Arab-Israeli settlement, was criticised in all Saudi newspapers Friday for "depriving its people of taking part in the strike."

The radio said that the Al Aqsa attack was part of "a longtime Zionist plan to erase Al Aqsa Mosque through sabotage and excavations so that Jerusalem would be totally Jewish."

Sadat assassins executed

CAIRO (A.P.) — Five Muslim fundamentalists convicted in the assassination of President Anwar Sadat were executed at dawn Thursday, two by firing squad and three by hanging, military officials said.

The government-controlled Egyptian news media made a brief mention of the executions eight hours after they occurred. There was no mention in the evening newspaper.

Accounts varied, but reporters talking to military officers and soldiers involved were able to put together a description of what happened.

Facing a firing squad calmly was Lt. Khaled Ahmad Shawkil Al-Ismail, who led the charge that killed Mr. Sadat and seven other Egyptians and foreign diplomats at a military parade last Oct. 6.

Lt. Ismail and Sgt. Hussein Abbas Mohammad were taken at 5:30 a.m. (0330 GMT) by armoured convoy from their prison at Red Mountain army camp to a nearby firing range on the northeast outskirts of Cairo.

Sgt. Mohammad was nervous, witnesses said, and had no last request before he faced the 10-man firing squad 15 minutes after Lt. Ismail's execution.

The other three executions were carried out in the appeals prison in central Cairo. Abdul Hamid Abdul Aal and Atta Tayel, civilians convicted of joining in the attack wearing borrowed uniforms, and Abdul Salam Farrara Attaya all were calm before they were hanged.

Mr. Abdul Aal, who stepped up to the gallows at 5:30 a.m., said his last wish was that his debts be paid.

Mr. Tayel, hanged a half hour later, said his last request, was to pray. Mr. Attaya, reputed leader of the extremist group Al Jihad (holy war), asked to write letters to his family.

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NATIONAL

1982 local rally drivers expect tough competition by non-Jordanians

Preparations are in gear for this year's Jordan Rally

By Suzanne Za'mut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Local rally drivers and their cars will be up against international competition by non-Jordanians this year when they take part in the Jordan Rally of June 3 and 4. So far, interest has been indicated by Arab and European participants who will be coming from Oman, Dubai and Lebanon.

Preparations for the event are already under way here in Jordan. One zealous Jordanian driver has ordered a Porsche from Germany. Another driver with 30 years of rally experience behind him is the Marriott Hotel Manager Haile Aguilier who is bringing an Audi Quattro. "It's the car winning all major international rallies now," according to Royal Automobile Club (RAC) General Manager Derek Ledger, the organiser of the rally. Three car manufacturers, Daihatsu, Datsun and Toyota, are already making arrangements to bring in their own models.

"Last year the October Jordan Rally was national in participation but international in terms of regulation and organisation," Mr. Ledger told the Jordan Times. He said: "After evaluating last year's rally, FISA (Federation Internationale du Sport Automobile) decided that RAC could go into international rally, and so now the event is included on the International Sporting Calendar of FISA, the bible of every motor enthusiast."

Mr. Ledger pointed out, however, that the entry is a bit late this year because the decision to make it international was made only in January. "There is time to concentrate on the Middle East only," he said, adding that "top grade professional drivers would not come to a rally of this type at this stage of its development. Big international drivers stick to 12 international rallies and would rarely go out of them." Mr. Ledger was referring to such rallies as the Safari Rally, the Monte Carlo Rally, and the Lombard RAC of Great Britain.

Expenses 'unlimited'

The expenses involved in preparing a car for the rally seem to be unlimited. "If you want to be really competitive, you will need at least JD 500," the chief rally organiser indicated. He listed a number of "bare minimum" items needed. These include special rally tyres with several spares, a roll bar as a reinforcement of the roof, special chemical fire extinguishers and a reinforcement under the engine with armour plating. These will be in addition to a basic JD 100 that will go for an entry fee, crash helmets required for the two members of the crew, additional spotlighting, maintenance and spare parts for the engine, shock absorbers and springs that will have to be changed to provide stiff suspension, incidental expenses to cover for example two to three nights in Aqaba, then afterwards the repairs needed.

"Of course to be fully prepared you need several thousand dinars to do conversions," Mr. Ledger summed up, pointing out that another big expense "if you want to be competitive" is "support" — ano-

ther car hanging about to repair any damage that may be done during the rally. "Speed and efficiency are very important," he stressed.

Safety rules

Each competing car's eligibility and safety are inspected technically at the Marriott Hotel, the major sponsor of the rally, two days before the date of the start. Safety aspects, such as brakes and steering wheel are examined. Other requirements include a roll bar, fire extinguishers, fastened spare wheels, crash helmets of correct and safe types and seat belts.

Also during that inspection, called "scrutineering", each car is checked into the class under which it will be classified for entry. For example, Group A includes purely standard cars, while cars with more special engines or modified parts come under Group B. A Renault 5 for example is only 60 hp (horsepower) while a Renault 5 Turbo is 200 hp.

Besides these two groups, the cars are also classified into four classes according to engine capacity. Class One includes cars with up to 1300 cc capacity; while cars with 1,300-1,600 cc, 1,600-2,000 cc or over 2,000 cc capacity are classified under Class Two, Class Three or Class Four respectively.

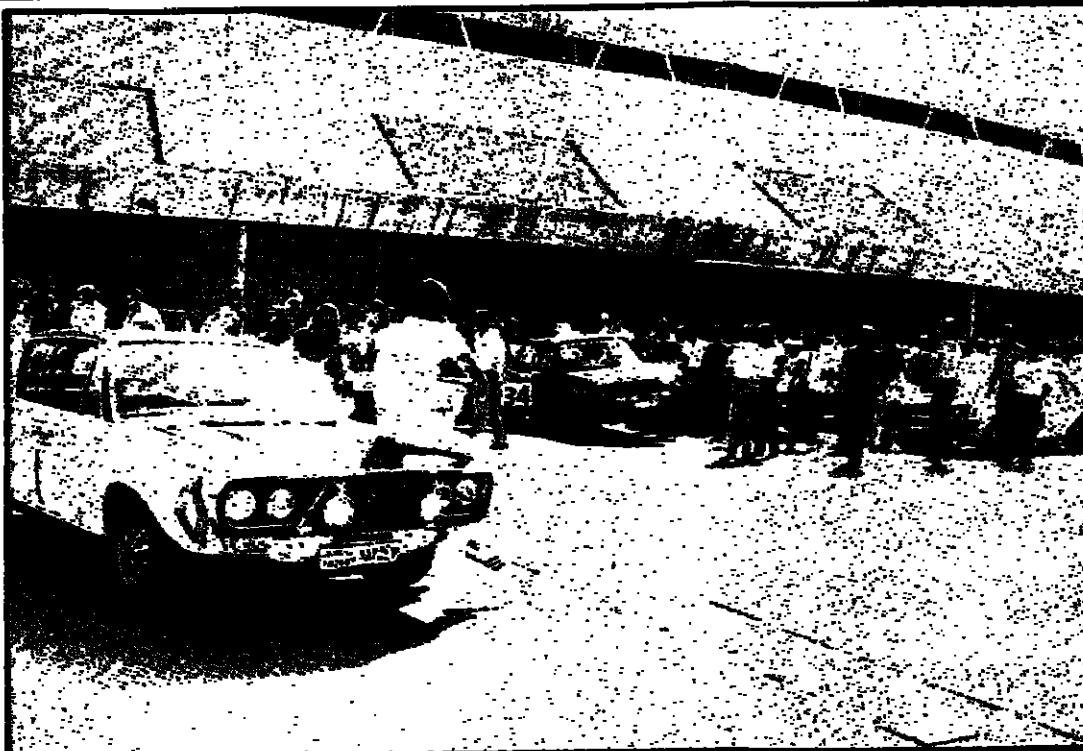
In addition to competing for the overall position and the engine size, a driver could also be competing as member of a team. "So you could win three prizes," the organiser pointed out. There are two types of teams involved. One is the manufacturer's team which can be up to five cars of which only the best three will count, and which was won by Datsun last year. The other is the private team which can consist of any three people who entered individually or can be formed by a club or a society. Last year's Private Team Award went to the Amman Sports Club.

No tricks

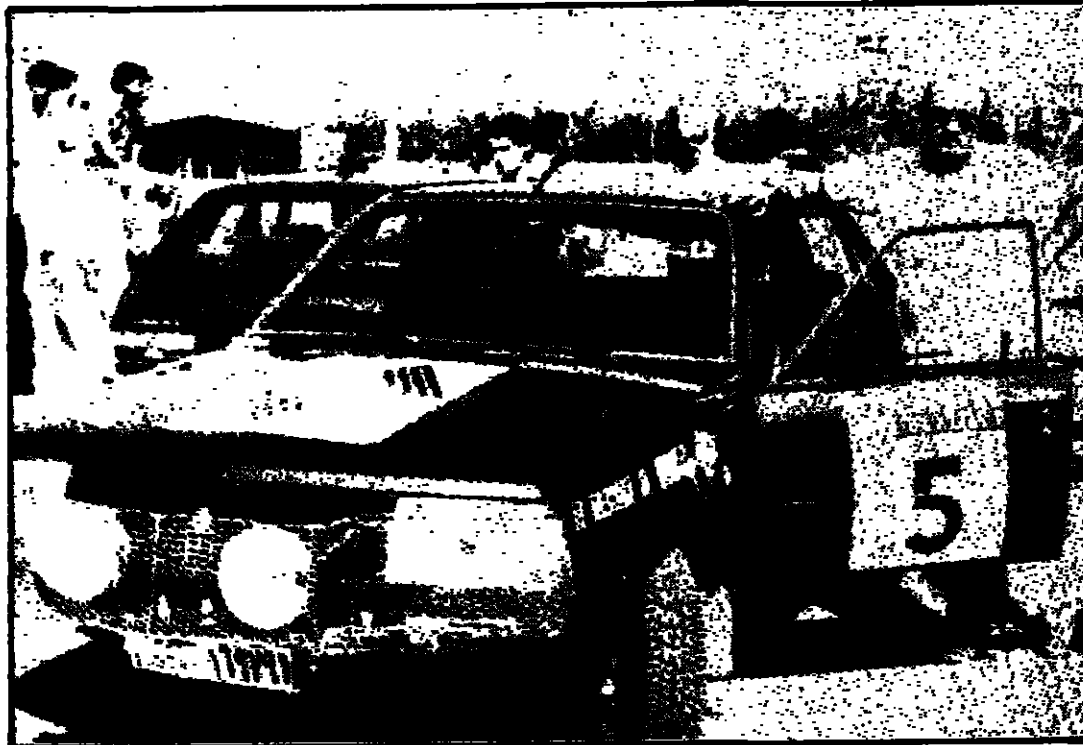
In an international rally like this one the competitors are not left in the dark until the last minute. To the contrary, they are given ample time to study their routes and practice as much as possible. It is to this end that a road book is issued exactly a month before the rally. The entries close on May 2; and on May 3 a final entry list of crews and competing cars will be published. It is then that each participant will be issued with the road book that shows route maps and directions. "In this kind of rally there are no tricks. It's not like a navigational rally. Everything is given beforehand and competitors are encouraged to go out and practise. It's an added safety factor," Mr. Ledger explained.

As the road book will show in detail, the rally is in two parts. First is the non-competitive road section, which is on normal public roads and subject to normal traffic laws. A time is set for each section, and the car must neither be early or late. The cars here start individually, as for example when they leave the Marriott Hotel, which will be the starting point.

The second part is the Special Stages (SS) which are on desert tracks or closed asphalt roads. These are the competitive parts where drivers have to take the



Last year, the October Jordan Rally was national in participation but international in terms of regulation and organisation. Picture above shows the departure point at the Youth City; while in the picture below, one of the participants, Mr. Taher Taher, is seen leaning on his car in front of a television camera.



minimum time. Their time is their penalty and so the one with the least time is the winner.

"Marshals", or officials, do actual timing with special digital clocks used for the rallies. An added sophistication comes with the use of Printogines, rally time printers each costing JD 800, which print time to the nearest second. These will be used on some of the stages.

Challenging routes

Starting at the Marriott on June 3 at 9.30 a.m., the route will take the rally driver to Azraq, Qasr Al Kharraneh, Omari, through the desert again to Qasr Al Amra, going through a number of Special Stages before ending in Aqaba on the first day.

Arriving at Aqaba Tourist House at 7.42 p.m., all the cars will be sent to *parc ferme* or closed park. Here cars are locked up and cannot be touched until the following day. "The rally is a challenge for both driver and car," Mr. Ledger commented. "The vehicle should not be allowed to be maintained. It is a standard procedure. Repairs have to be done during the event; during the easily timed sections," he added.

The rally picks up again at 9.00 a.m. the following day from the Aqaba Tourist House and the route takes the drivers on a Special Stage along the beach to the Saudi border. A number of Special Stages follow; taking the cars to Wadi Yutum on the road from Aqaba, Ras Al Naqab, Udrub (between Ma'an and Shoubak), Jurf Darwish (Near Qatraneh), Swaga, Azraq and a return to the finish at the Marriott in Amman at 7.23 p.m. The cars are locked up again in *parc ferme* and checked

for any unallowed replacements. The rally numbers are also removed here to make sure that they are not "misused".

Numbers are not given at random. The best drivers, or the ones most likely to win, are put in the front, "sort of an honour." So this rally will probably allocate number one to Mr. Michelle Saleh, the Lebanese driver who won last year with his Toyota Slicka, sponsored by the Toyota dealers in Jordan.

The route that has been finally allocated for the rally comes up to 1,296.96 kilometres, including 16 Special Stages totalling 267.05 kilometres, while the total time of the rally is expected to be 20 hours 35 minutes.

In order to decide on the route and to take precise measurements of distance and time, an RAC committee has been working diligently and has covered more than 10,000 kilometres around the country before it came to its final findings.

"It's quite a job finding suitable tracks for the Special Stages and then linking them together using normal roads," said Mr. Ledger, who also is a member of the organising committee. He went on to say that the entire route had to be measured to an accuracy of 10 metres, first using special measuring instruments, and then the process had to be repeated all over again in order to check final accuracy and time needed. Time schedules are then worked out for all stages since it is important for controllers to know what to expect.

All major control posts will have radio contacts back to head-quarters at the Marriott Hotel, and all results will be computer-analysed as soon as they are received by radio.

About sixty officials consisting of Jordanian and foreign community volunteers will be in control of the time-keeping and communication at all points. These will in turn be controlled by three stewards, who hold the highest authority and who will pass judgement on any dispute. It has already been decided that two of these posts will be filled by the chairman of the Automobile Association of Oman and the organiser of the Cyprus Rally. The third will probably be from Jordan.

For emergencies, the Civil Defence Directorate will be standing by with ambulances and medics. There will be about 30 ambulances from various departments. There also will be access to Royal Air Force helicopter ambulance if needed. For its part, the Public Security Directorate will play a major role in controlling crowds and opening and closing roads.

ART REVIEW

Lyons' keen eye focuses lens on Jordan's heritage

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Bill Lyons, a name which is not unfamiliar to photography enthusiasts in this country, is holding his second one-man show at the Alia Art Gallery this week. Each of his 30 black mounted and framed colour prints reflects the high standard by which he achieved this measure of fame. As a group, his prints set a level of quality with which it would be difficult to compete in both subtlety of approach and technique.

Having lived and worked in Jordan for over six years, Lyons has developed a deep familiarity with, and sensitivity to, the local environment. He has turned his acute observatory powers to a degree where he can pick out, in the time it takes to press the shutter, something that is essentially Jordanian. He has developed his sense of the original to turn everyday scenes into strange and wonderful landscapes by means of unusual composition and by waiting for certain moments in the day when the light floods the sky with different hues. Through his work he shares with us the beauty, the humour, the incongruity, the repeated rhythms of colour and form that he saw in his extensive travels around the country and thus enriches us with a new awareness.

It is in his abstract photography that Lyons excels. In some cases, like the photograph of the side of the boat, it matters little whether you know initially what the subject matter of the print is. You can just enjoy the horizontal lines of bold colours and the different textures as if it were a painting. But one's pleasure is heightened when you know of

what it has taken; for then you begin to appreciate not only the thick hurried brush strokes of glossy red paint, which is cracked and peeling under the luxuriant growth of the dark green algae, but also the idea behind it and Lyons' skill at being able to recognise the appeal of something that most would pass by without so much as a glance.

Along the same sort of lines is the photograph of the wall at Aqaba. Painted on it in years gone by was a red triangle dotted with black spots like the centre of a large and luscious watermelon. If you could ever find the wall in the first place you would probably not enjoy or understand its faded charm as well as you would when it is seen isolated within the four still frames of Lyons' lens.

More familiar Jordanian images and colours — but ones to which Lyons added his own unique interpretation — are the interior of the old Ma'an house and the singular beauty of the Dead Sea. Although only a corner of the house's interior has been shot, Lyons managed to convey the whole essence and atmosphere of the deserted place. The bricked-in window echoes by the rough rectangular hole in the ceiling plaster, exposing the mud and rafters of ancient building methods, indicate abandonment and long disuse while the graffiti-strewn yellow ochres and raw siennas of the paint hint at happier times in its history.

In the same range of colours, including the deeper tones of burnt siennas and umbers, is one of the shots of the Dead Sea. Here, Lyons caught nature's own abstract compositions, where, blended together with fantastic harmony, are the horizontal stripes of the

distasteful mountain's strata and the scattered blocks of the brown foreground rocks which touch and edge together like the continental plates. Within a few steps of this warm and inviting vision of the Dead Sea there is another view which makes the same sea remote, strange and palely moonlike with glacial crescents of blue and white. In yet another view, we are faced with small upright rock formations. Linked (by salty tentacles) in the foreground of rippled sand, they then scatter away across the vast flat expanse to the distant horizon like an enormous field of outsize mushrooms.

There are many aspects of traditional Jordanian life that are so familiar that they become almost invisible, and thus they are overlooked by many artists when searching for something new that epitomises their country's heritage. The keen eye of Lyons, however, did not miss them. Through him we see again the importance of falafel in Jordanian life; and while subtly pointing out the incongruity of the huge American fridge, he presents the whole picture as an abstract composition framed by the bright yellow shutters of the small shop.

Although not all the prints on exhibition display the same kind of originality as the ones mentioned, it is nevertheless an excellent body of work, especially when one remembers that they were all printed and developed by the photographer himself, and that to produce these stimulating images he employed no trick methods or even filters.

All the photographs on display at the exhibition are for sale prices ranging between JD 22 and JD 60. The exhibition runs until Sunday, April 18.

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Number 2 car, driven by Mr. Majdi Nashashibi, in last year's rally

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Queen Noor chairs meeting at Marine Research Centre

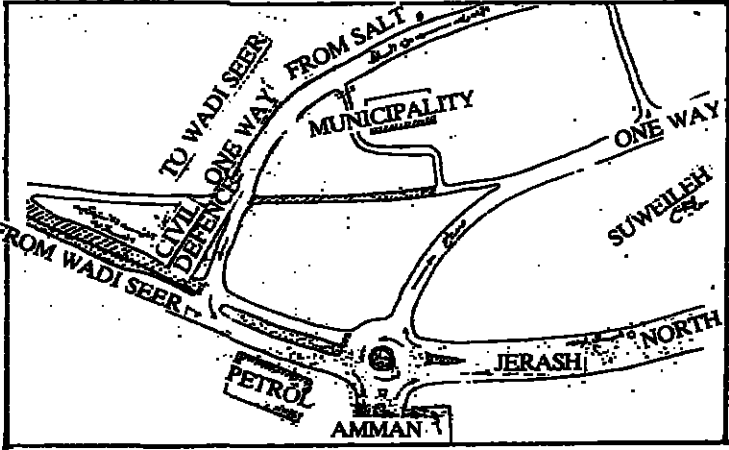
Noor chairs meeting on pollution

AQABA (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor chaired a meeting of the Aqaba Committee at the Marine Research Station in Aqaba Thursday for discussing problems of pollution in the city.

During the meeting committee members reviewed with Queen Noor the committee's endeavours to combat pollution resulting from ships dumping waste material into the sea close to the port, and means of preventing further pollution to the coast and supplying the station's patrol boats

with detecting and monitoring equipment for this purpose.

Also discussed at the meeting was "the greening of Al Hafayer district" in Aqaba, being carried out by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature which will plant trees in that district in the coming season. Queen Noor made a tour of the Marine Research Station and was briefed by the director on its programmes.



Change in traffic directions at Suweileh intersection

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Directorate said in a statement here Wednesday that due to roadworks along the right hand side of the Suweileh-Wadi Seer road and the following changes in traffic directions were deemed necessary until further notice:

1. Vehicles coming from Jerash towards Amman will follow their normal route.
2. Vehicles coming from Jerash towards Suweileh and Salt will also follow the normal route.
3. Vehicles coming from Jerash towards Wadi Seer and King Hussein Medical Centre will turn to the right at the intersection and proceed along the main Suweileh Road as far as the junction leading to the Upper Suweileh Road (King Abdullah Street) and then return passing behind the civil defence centre towards Wadi Seer.

4. Vehicles coming from Suweileh and Salt towards Wadi Seer and King Hussein Medical Centre will follow the same route outlined in 3.
5. Vehicles travelling to Suweileh and Salt towards Amman or Irbid will take the Upper Suweileh road passing in front of the civil defence centre to the main road where they should turn left towards the Suweileh intersection and then towards Amman or pursue the normal route towards Irbid.
6. Vehicles coming from Wadi Seer towards Amman, Jerash or Suweileh will follow the same route after the Suweileh intersection. The statement called on all motorists to abide strictly by the given instructions with to ensure public safety and avoid any disruption in traffic.

Arab Air Cargo Company celebrates inaugural flight

AMMAN (Petra) — A celebration was held at Amman airport Thursday evening to mark the maiden flight of the Arab Air Cargo Company planes between Amman and Baghdad.

The company established jointly by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline and Iraqi Airways recently with an initial capital of JD 20 million is the first joint Arab company to handle air cargo. According to an agreement between

the Jordanian and Iraqi national airlines, Alia and Iraqi Airways will undertake the company's marketing operations around the world. The agreement left the door open for other national Arab airlines to join the company.

The celebration was attended by Civil Aviation Director General Sharif Ghazi Rakan, Iraqi ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Sultan Shuja' and senior officials from both national airlines.

Contract to link Amman with Deir Alla springs

AMMAN (J.T.) — An Arab international firm has won a JD 14.5 million contract to lay down part of the water pipe network linking Deir Alla with Amman. According to the agreement signed Thursday with the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) the company undertakes to complete the project in two years.

This entails the laying of 48 kilometres of pipes from the Springs near Deir Alla to Amman and will construct a water tower near Al Hussein Youth City. The Saudi Fund for Development will supply JD 10.15 million to finance the

project and the rest will be provided by the Jordanian government.

Jordan Valley Authority Deputy Director Munzer Haddadin and the company's director general signed the agreement. On March 31 JVA signed an agreement with two international firms: UK's George Wimpey International and Han Bo of South Korea to construct the first stage of the pipe network ... The two companies will also construct a water treatment station and another for pumping water, and will also construct a huge water tower.



Floods swept this car about five kilometres off the road in the Za'tari (about 75 kilometres northeast of Amman) area. One woman passenger was found dead, while another woman and a child who also

were in the car are still missing. The driver was rescued, hospitalised and later released (photo by Youssef Al-Ajlani)

7 dead, many missing or hurt in devastating floods

By Salim Al Saket, Majid Asfour and Ahmad Salameh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A wide search was reported Thursday night to be still in progress for those still missing in the floods that hit the eastern and northern regions of the country on Wednesday.

The floods left at least seven people dead, many others injured, and caused widespread damage to crops and farms. The Armed Forces and civil defence men joined in rescue operations in which helicopters were used to locate str-

anded people especially in remote places. The areas most affected by the floods were given as Al Azraq, the H-4, H-5, Al Hasa, Al Qatranah and Al Mafrqa where people and vehicles were reported completely cut off by the water that flooded homes, public places and medical centres. Among the dead were women and children and those missing included a Pakistani national employed by the Natural Resources Authority.

Civil defence sources said that search for victims is continuing deep under water in such places as Duleil and Za'tari. According to

these sources a flood in the Hallabat district north of Amman affected by the floods caused the collapse of a bridge owned by the town tribes inhabiting Al Mafrqa region were moved to higher ground and as their region was inundated with at least one and a half metres of water. At H-4 the power was completely cut off and water and civil defence men rushed in and rescued a woman. At Samia Al Sultan region affected by the floods passengers of a bus were rescued to the roof of the vehicle and for help. They were taken by an army helicopter.

Princess Alia opens annual bazaar for aid of handicapped

AMMAN (Petra) — The Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped opened its annual bazaar here Thursday under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Alia.

The proceeds of the bazaar will benefit projects being implemented by the society for rehabilitating handicapped people. The handicapped are offered training in handicrafts, embroidery, weaving, sewing, typing, manufacturing artificial flowers and operating telephone exchange boards. On display at the bazaar are different types of handicrafts produced by the handicapped people.

The society, established in 1971 operates in close cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development and the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund.

Soviet delegation due here Monday

AMMAN (Petra) — A Soviet information delegation is due here Monday for a visit to Jordan and talks with senior government officials.

The three-member delegation will look into Jordan's information system and the country's development.



Chairman of the U.J. Board of Trustees Ahmad Al Lawzi addresses the ceremony on the establishment of the Friends of the U.J.'s Alumni Society. Princess Alia, (centre) was elected honorary president

Princess Alia honorary president of friends of U.J. alumni society

AMMAN (Petra) — A special ceremony was held at the University of Jordan Thursday to mark the establishment of Friends of the University of Jordan's Alumni Society. At the ceremony, which was attended by Her Highness Princess Alia, the society's honorary president, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi announced that His Majesty King Hussein has donated JD 10,000 for the new society. Mr. Lawzi, who is also chairman of the university's board of trustees said the donation will help construct the

society's premises on a plot of land made available as a gift from King Hussein.

"By the end of this academic year, the university's graduates will total some 15,000 and the alumni club will thus develop into a new cultural edifice," Mr. Lawzi said. Also addressing the ceremony was the club's vice president Abdul Hamid Al Kabariy who expressed the hope that the new society will help serve as a liaison between the society and the Jordanian society. At the ceremony, donations for the new soc-

iety were announced. Among these were JD 10,000 donated by the University of Jordan, JD 1,000 by Mr. Lawzi and JD 1,000 by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh and President of the National Consultative Council Ahmad Al Tarawneh.

It was also announced that Princess Alia has been made honorary president of the new society. The ceremony was attended by several cabinet ministers, presidents of both Jordanian universities, a number of Jordanian businessmen and university officials.

Malaria combating campaign starts in Jordan Valley

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Ministry teams will start Saturday an anti-malaria spraying campaign in the Jordan Valley region in a bid to combat malaria.

A Ministry official called on the local inhabitants to cooperate with the teams to make the campaign a success. He said that not a single case of malaria was reported in Jordan over the past 10 years but a few cases which appeared in the region lately were traced to non-Jordanians visiting the country.

Gulf Air directors meet in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Gulf Air Middle East regional office directors will hold their annual convention in Amman Saturday. The airline's marketing policy and subjects connected with organising Gulf Air's flights in the region will be among the main topics to be discussed. Also on the agenda is the subject of resuming the airline's flights between the Gulf Region and Amman. These flights were suspended for technical reasons in 1978 after Gulf Air and Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline had drawn up an agreement by which Alia would operate joint flights.

Ahlan wa sahlan

The staff of the Jordan Times and the Jordan Press Foundation offer their heartfelt congratulations to Montagist Youssef Al Jamal on the birth, Friday, of his baby daughter Dima. Both the 3.2 kilogramme baby and her mother are in perfect health. Youssef has another daughter, Dania, who is 18 months old.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * Exhibition of Saudi paintings, at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Sports City.
- * Multimedia art exhibit by Mazen Nasser Ammari at the Haya Arts Centre. Ends today.
- * Photographs by Bill Lyons, at the Alia Art Gallery from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.

Film

- * *Compies a Rebours*, a thriller (sub-titled in Arabic) starring Simone Signoret and Jeanne Moreau, at the French Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m.

Jazz concert

- * By the Jazz Trio Humair - Jeanne - Texier at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Tickets available at the hotel and the French Cultural Centre.

Today's weather

The weather will be relatively warm during the night and relatively hot during the day with light and variable winds. In Aqaba winds will be northerly moderate with calm seas.

| | Overnight low | Daytime high |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Amman | 13 | 28 |
| Aqaba | 21 | 33 |
| Deserts | 15 | 30 |
| Jordan Valley | 19 | 33 |

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 24, Aqaba 32. Humidity readings: Amman 33 per cent, Aqaba 24 per cent.

Mrs. In'am Mufti chairs the meeting of the National Federation of Jordanian Women

Women's federation plans to expand activities

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Federation of Jordanian Women (NFJW) held a constituent assembly meeting here Thursday presided over by Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti. At the meeting attended by 41 members discussion centred on the federation's bylaws, its future activities and the need for intensifying efforts to urge new members to join.

Addressing the meeting, Mrs. Mufti outlined the role of the federation which she described as a national gathering of women, the first of its kind in Jordan, which will help women in various governorates to take effective roles in Jordan's social and economic development. The federation is designed to offer women in urban and rural regions of the country the opportunity to gain training and to offer services to their community. Mrs. Mufti said. She added that the federation will also work towards strengthening Jordanian women's ties with women federations in other countries.

DR. SAMI KHORMA

apologises for not being able to receive patients for ten days starting today, Saturday as he will be abroad attending a medical conference in Germany.

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Canada's 'repatriation' raises Quebec protests

By Charles Campbell
Associated Press

TORONTO — Canada wins formal independence from Britain this week, gaining control of its constitution after an internal struggle that threatened to splinter the nation rather than bind it together.

Queen Elizabeth II, who arrived in Ottawa Wednesday, will make a royal proclamation of Canada's new constitution Saturday morning before a throng on Parliament Hill. French-speaking opponents of the still controversial move say they will stage protests in Quebec across the river from the capital.

For 115 years, the country's constitution has been embodied in an act of the British Parliament, the North America Act of 1867, which established the Canadian confederation. Canadians only recently agreed among themselves on a document to replace it. The regal pomp and ceremony come at a time when Canada could use diversion from months of bad economic news — the Canadian dollar dipped to 81 cents in U.S. dollar value, unemployment reached 9 per cent, the worst in 36 years, inflation hit 11.6 per cent and forecasters predict a deepening recession this year.

Repatriation — Trudeau's achievement
The successful drive for "re-

atriation," Canada's term for bringing constitutional responsibilities home, was chiefly the work of liberal Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Some believe it will be remembered as his most significant achievement.

Trudeau, 62, in office 13 of the past 14 years, often has expressed hope that the new document would revitalize the Canadian confederation and knit the huge country more closely together.

But many Canadians do not share Trudeau's vision of a more unified nation, fearing it would mean tighter control by what they consider a distant, arrogant and uncaring government in Ottawa, the capital. Opposition to the new constitution has been strongest in his native, French-speaking province of Quebec, long a hotbed of separatism.

A diverse nation

Canada is a socially and economically diverse nation of 24 million — wheat farmers in the central plains, auto workers in the industrial heartland of Ontario, newly rich oilmen in Alberta, fishermen in the poor Eastern provinces, Eskimos in arctic settlements and French speakers who jealously guard their separate cultural tradition in Quebec.

It was Quebec's discontent that spurred the latest round of

constitution-writing, begun in 1980. But when the dust settled, Trudeau and leaders of the nine English-speaking provinces had reached an uncomfortable compromise, leaving Quebec's separatist government led by Premier Rene Levesque the only holdout.

Levesque's Parti Quebecois government contends the new constitution could hamstring its language laws and hinder defence of the French culture. Its supporters plan to protest the proclamation ceremonies with mass demonstrations in Montreal and in Hull, a Quebec city directly across the river from Ottawa.

Reservations about the new constitution are not confined to Quebec, the Vancouver scholar George Woodcock, who has written on the subject said the repatriation debate "increased the consciousness of regions as regions."

Trudeau, he said in a telephone interview, "has been proceeding according to a vision of his own, ignoring the realities of a country like Canada."

Woodcock said the constitutional furor led him, a "committed confederalist," to the painful decision that the Western provinces must keep open the option of splitting from Canada.

Peter Russell, a constitutional expert at the University of Toronto, said the celebration itself might antagonize members of the

French-speaking community. Festivities are "provocative," he said. "It's the victor rubbing it in," Russell said. "If we make too much of the new constitution, we accentuate the fact that Quebec didn't sign on."

To win the support of the English-speaking premiers, Trudeau agreed to changes in a charter of rights and freedoms that permitted provincial legislatures to reject such provisions as the freedom of expression and religion, *habeas corpus* and protection from racial, religious and sexual discrimination.

However, Alan Borovoy, General Counsel of the Canadian civil liberties association, said provincial legislatures would likely hesitate before risking the wrath of the press and public by curtailing basic rights.

Canadians might have to wait for several cases to reach the Supreme Court before deciding how much the new constitution changes their lives. The bill of rights-style charter invites judicial "intrusion," but it remains to be seen whether "our judges will accept the invitation," Borovoy said.

There has been speculation Trudeau will use his constitutional triumph as a judicious time to step down. But the Canadian leader told a recent news conference he was "not inspired to retire." Trudeau said he will devote more time to the ailing national economy.

Zionism without a mask

By Tareq Masarweh

The Israeli soldier, Alan Harry Goodman, who violated Al Aqsa Mosque and murdered Muslim worshippers is not insane. He is just an ordinary Zionist who openly practices Zionist teachings.

Insanity?
Yes. What else could have driven an American to leave his country, come to another man's country, displace him, violate his mosques and murder worshippers?

It is stark naked insanity. Saturating the mind of a man with all these old Zionist and neo-Nazi myths and black rancour cannot but result in madness. What is the difference between Goodman and Begin? The former murdered worshippers in Al Aqsa Mosque while Begin massacred the people of Deir Yassin. The murdered victims are the same Palestinian people. What the Zionists are seeking is a Palestine without Palestinians who must be evacuated by being displaced or murdered.

People are falling dead in Al Aqsa Mosque, in the same place where their grandfathers fell as martyrs when the horses of the Crusaders were wading in the blood covering the courtyard of the mosque.

Minutes later thousands of young men arose cheering and demonstrating: Palestine is an Arab country! They hoisted the Palestinian flag and used stones as their weapons. God, how numerous and fierce Palestine stones are!

Zionism is sheer madness and insanity.

The Arab Nation which appears to be battered in spirit and thinking is the same nation which once defeated all insane and rancorous mad men, defeated all hostile migrations and assimilated peaceful ones. History is not a story published by a Zionist in Manhattan. History is a fact, and a guide for the future. History is a piece of knowledge which the Jews read in their Torah, which we read in our Babylonian history and which the Italians read in their Roman history.

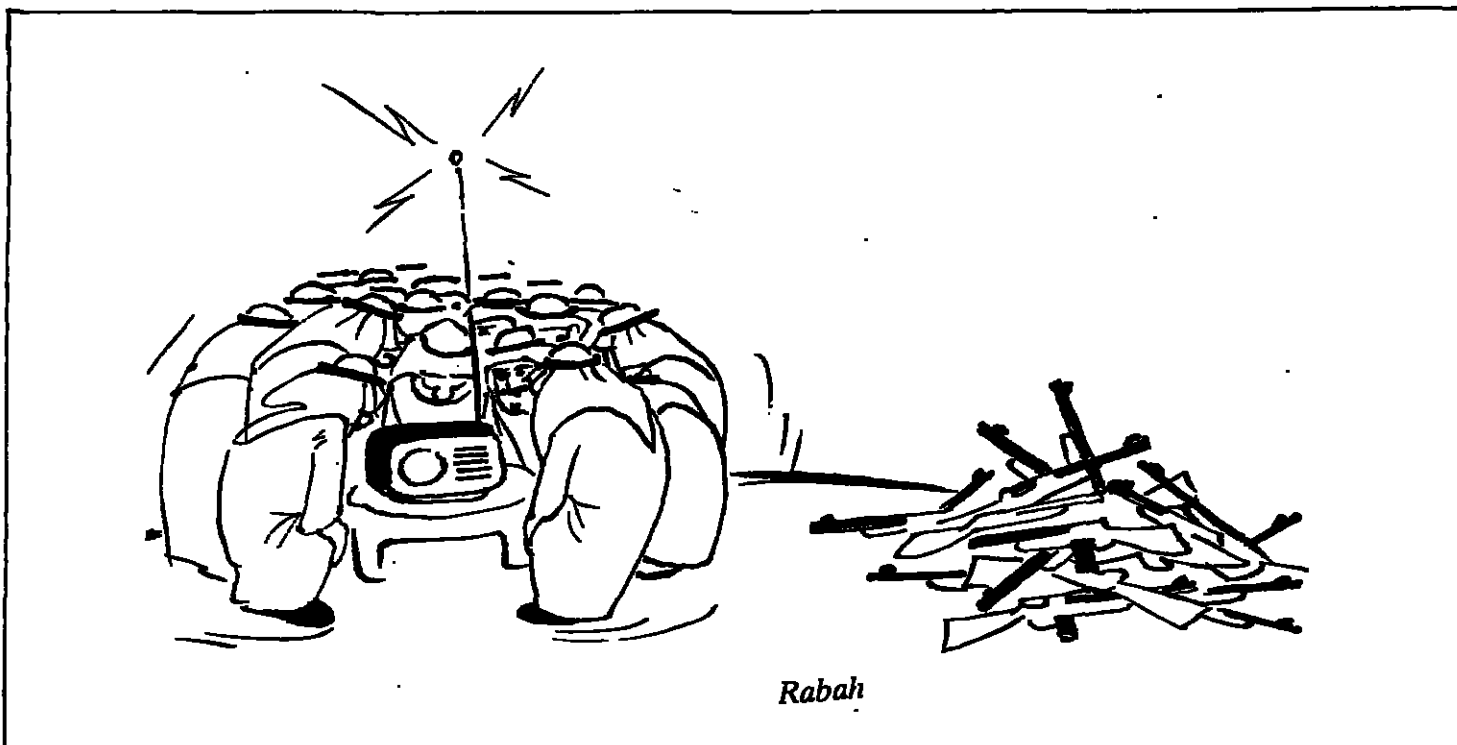
Alan Harry Goodman is not insane. He is a Zionist without a mask.

Stop the show

THE 11TH HOUR doubts of Americans, Israelis and Egyptians about Israel's scheduled withdrawal from the Sinai on April 25th should be nominated for the 1982 Academy Awards in the category of Best Combined Leading Role — Political Comedy. The fact that two senior U.S. State Department officials have been in Egypt and Israel during the past week patching up last-minute problems with the Israeli withdrawal is probably less related to real constraints on the withdrawal, and rather more related to the collective wish of the Camp David parties to show the world that they have Advanced The Peace Process. The awkward reality of American-sustained Israeli occupation troops shooting dead stone-throwing Palestinian teenagers while the American-Israeli-Egyptian trio Moves The Peace Process Forward is something that the rest of the world is supposed to ignore at best, and mildly criticize at worst.

The last-minute crisis-management we are witnessing this week is supposed to show that not only have the Americans Moved The Peace Process Forward but they have done so at against considerable odds. Thus one is asked not only to applaud the performance, but to stand up, applaud harder, and demand an encore.

The compelling urge to relegate all this to the garbage heap of history's more tearful collections of cinematic bravado is powerful. What we have here is the can-can ladies kicking their legs high and dancing away while the studio all around them is burning and the audience has fled the disaster area. When dancers and actors do this, we pat them on the back and tell them to try again when they get a little older, wiser and more experienced. It would be nice if the Arab World would apply the same criteria to the actors in the Camp David show. If not, the show will run for a very long time.



Criminal intentions

AL RA'I: Israel has once again defied the international community by arrogantly denouncing the Arab-Islamic call on the United Nations Security Council to discuss the Israeli violations in the holy places. Israel has, as usual, resorted to prevarications, lies and fabricated analogies to justify its crimes against Al Aqsa Mosque.

The recent Israeli crime of murdering worshippers in the mosque is but one of a series of schemes to destroy the mosque. These schemes began with excavating under the foundations of the mosque. This was followed by the vicious try to burn it in 1969. This attempt was followed by resumed excavations in order to destroy the mosque.

The Israeli occupation authorities have participated in all these attempts by initially instigating them, secondly, closing their eyes to the outcome and finally by justifying them. All these schemes and practices expose the criminal intention harboured by Israel against Al Aqsa Mosque. These intentions have been openly declared by the arms of terrorism of the Israeli occupation authorities — the gangs called Jewish extremists. The res-

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possibility for the crimes committed against the mosque can in no way be attributed to a certain individual. It is the responsibility of the racist, belligerent Israeli entity whose government encouraged and condoned these crimes.

The Arab-Islamic solidarity which emerged following the recent crime against the mosque has aroused the fury of Menachem Begin and his government. Israel is trying to clear itself by proving that the crime was committed by an individual in a bid to deceive the international public opinion. But the international community is not simple-minded but understands that the Israeli government has been behind all crimes committed against the holy places in the occupied territories.

Israel has poured its fury over Jordan, but Jordan will continue to support our steadfast kinfolk who are confronting occupation. The international community can find ample proof in the Israeli statement in which it insists on continuing its aggression.

Show strength!

AL DUSTOUR: Knowing in advance that the United States has

undermined any trust in the United Nations Security Council and that it has made the council unable to carry out its duties, the Arab and Muslim states could have done better than seeking a Security Council resolution condemning Israel for attacking Al Aqsa Mosque and murdering the worshippers.

Now that they have called for an emergency meeting of the council, their efforts should not have culminated in a shabby resolution which does not charge Israel with the crime committed against the mosque and blame it for the brutal use of its forces to disperse demonstrations and kill Arab citizens. The Arab and Islamic states should have confronted the issue firmly and resolutely knowing that the result would be the use of the U.S. veto to protect and encourage Israel to proceed with its aggression.

It is clear that the resolution has been worded in a style seeking Israel's approval to protect the holy places and to apply the Geneva Convention in dealing with and treating the inhabitants of the occupied lands. It seems that the reason behind this fine wording has been to evade the U.S. veto.

This highlights the responsibility of the United States in weakening confidence in and impeding the Security Council's efforts to protect peace whenever the issue touch on Israel and its recurrent crimes. The United States has used this veto twice to protect Israel against international sanctions.

Gold reserves must grow

By Fahd Al Fanek

Jordan's reserves of gold and foreign currency amounted to \$1.9 billion at the end of the year 1981. Although this figure does not exceed 2.5 per cent of the reserves of a small oil state like Kuwait, it is considered relatively large in comparison with super industrial states' reserves. Jordan's reserves are one fifth of the United States foreign currency reserves.

absolute figures does not serve a beneficial end. We must consider various relative economic indicators which take into consideration the special conditions of each country on its own. In advanced industrial countries a balance exists between exports and imports of goods and services, these countries reserves help in meeting expected vicissitudes and in backing national currency in international markets if need arises.

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) statistics on 1981 foreign currency reserves, the British reserves amounted to \$12.8 billion, the United States, \$9.8 billion, West Germany, \$39.6 billion, the Netherlands, \$8.1 billion, Belgium, \$3.8 billion, Japan, \$24.7 billion, Italy, \$18.6 billion and France, \$20 billion.

It can therefore be said that Jordan's foreign currency reserves are good in terms of its size and of Jordan being a developing country. They are also good in comparison with those of its super powers with their advanced industrial economies.

But comparing reserves in

In a country like Jordan no balance exists between the country's needs of foreign currency to meet imports and its income of these currencies resulting from exporting goods and services. The gap is bridged by Arab and foreign aid and loans. Hence, Jordan's foreign currency reserves are needed to ensure stability and continuity in the case of disruption or irreliability of foreign income sources. Thus these reserves must be relatively large. Comparing Jordan's reserves with its imports results in a high rate, but comparing it with the commercial deficit shows that they must grow.

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10:00 Doha, Bahrain
10:10 Beirut
10:15 Abu Dhabi
10:15 Riyadh (SV)
11:10 Copenhagen, Athens (SAS)
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Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the International Hotel. 1.30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel. 2.00 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1.30 p.m.

MUSEUMS

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed on Saturdays. Tel. 64240.
Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 31760.
Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabbal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Jordans and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays.
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Mountazah, Jabbal Al-Lawsbeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30138.

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PRAYER TIMES

Fajr 3:39
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Dhuhr 11:36
Asr 2:13
Maghrib 6:00
Isha 7:33

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

UAE dirham 95.5/95.9
(for every 100) 26.3/26.5
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(for every 100) 130.3/131.1
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Radicis 300 250
Sage 180 150
Chard 140 100
Parsley 70 70
Grapes 150 120
Apples (American) 500 450

ECONOMY

UNIDO lashes industrial nations

VIENNA (R) — A United Nations report has accused industrial nations of starving the Third World of funds while the gap between rich and poor countries was widening daily.

Abdul Rahman Khane, executive director of the U.N. Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), criticised "the inflexibility of industrialised countries towards Third World development" in an annual report for the Vienna-based body.

"I suspect an excessively dogmatic approach too much concerned with leaving certain relationships unchanged is at the basis of the lack of enthusiasm evident so far," he said.

"The ultimate result of this attitude may be to jeopardise the well-being of millions of workers in the developed as well as in the developing countries."

The report, released last Monday, will be discussed in Vienna

next month at a session of UNIDO's governing body, the Industrial Development Board.

The report also expressed alarm at "the industrialised nations' determined opposition to creating financial instruments to facilitate the flow of funds between rich and poor countries."

Industrial nations had shown little interest in an international bank for industrial development proposed by UNIDO.

Sources close to UNIDO said it was concerned that lack of support from rich countries was undermining the prospects for developing countries making up 25 per cent of world industrial output by the year 2000, a UNIDO target.

When that target was set at a conference in Lima, Peru, in 1975, developing nation's share of industrial production in the world was 8.6 per cent. It reached 11 per cent last year.

Libya 'buys oil refinery'

AMSTERDAM (R) — Libya has almost certainly bought a Belgian oil refinery in pursuit of efforts to boost its oil earnings by processing more of its own crude, oil traders said on Friday.

West German refiner Mabanaf said it sold its Antwerp Albatross Refinery, with a capacity of around 110,000 barrels daily, in March to a Swiss company. It declined to name the Swiss firm or any third party for which the firm may have acted.

Libyan crude oil sales at above-average, OPEC-governed prices around \$35.50 a barrel have plunged in the present glut. Western oil sources say Libyan output may be running up to 100,000 barrels daily below an OPEC-assigned quota of 750,000.

But OPEC does not govern prices for refined products and Libya has taken to boosting sales by getting some of its crude processed in Europe and selling the products at market prices.

Czechoslovak central planners struggle to maintain the socialist's good life

By Larry Gerber
Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (A.P.) — Consumers here are finding it harder these days to live the socialist-style good life as the nation's central planners are wrestling with a sluggish economy.

Although the Czechs and Slovaks, with an average monthly income equal to about \$209, are still better off than their communist allies in Poland and Romania, "things are slowly going downhill," said one economist privately.

Price increases for gasoline and food in recent months mean fewer people are eating out and taking trips to the country, residents say.

In a popular restaurant a 20-minute drive outside Prague, one waiter said business had dropped by about 70 per cent since the government increased the price of gasoline by 15 per cent last October.

High-grade gasoline costs the equivalent of about \$3.20 per gallon, or 84 cents per litre.

"We had 10 wedding receptions last March. This March we had one," said the waiter.

Judging by the "for sale" advertisements in some publications, many Prague residents are trying to sell their second homes or look

king for something closer to the city.

"Working in my garden in the country was how I worked off the frustrations" of living in this tightly-controlled society, said one Prague resident. "Now it's getting harder to even do that."

Seeds for tulips, hyacinths and climbing beans are said to be among the short-supply items along with staples such as good-

quality cheese, pork fat and butter.

Sharp increases in food prices this year included a 41 per cent average hike in the price of meat. Beef jumped from the equivalent of \$3.30 to \$5.50 per kilogramme.

The meat price increases were seen as especially significant because Czechoslovakia has one of the world's highest per capita meat consumption rates.

Much of the belt-tightening stems from the government's determination not to go the way of Poland and Romania, which drove themselves into debt by borrowing for imports.

Western sources put the nation's debt to the West at a modest \$7.5 billion, and authorities say no increase in borrowing is planned. In past years, "we had to import more fodder than was planned,"

said Zbynek Zima, an advisor in the government planning commission. "We are demanding agriculture drop its demand for imports."

The nation is trying to become self-sufficient in grain for food and animal fodder, he said. Meanwhile, shoppers are queuing up and paying more for favoured cuts of meat.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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| One sterling | 1.7550/60 |
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| | 2.4265/75 |
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| Italian lire | |
| Japanese yen | |
| Swedish crowns | |
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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The long three-week account closed on a mixed note after a quiet session with the Falkland Islands crisis still dominating market sentiment, dealers said. At 1500 the FT Index was up one point at 545.8.

Government bonds started easier but recovered to overnight levels and movements among leading equities averaged between one and four pence. Dealers said several issues were unchanged on the day. Gold shares were dull while U.S. and Canadian shares closed narrowly higher.

Cavoods closed 15p higher at 278 after an agreed bid from Redland, which eased 17p at 160. Lasmo, whose shares form part of the merger terms, fell to 307 from 322p.

Insurances were mostly easier and an irregular trend was noted in oils.

Paper says Polish economy is troubled

WARSAW (R) — The Polish Communist weekly Polityka Friday painted a bleak picture of the country's economic future, saying living standards could take up to 10 years to recover to the level of the late 1970s.

Polityka said the total of foreign debts would continue to grow and only start to decline after six years.

Taking as a yardstick the year 1979, when the

Polish economy began its sharp deterioration, the paper said it would take three to four years to restore industrial production and three years to rebuild the livestock population.

It said its forecasts were based on the estimated growth in the gross national product, excluding services, and depended on the success of a reform programme, good crop returns, internal security and on the state of relations with foreign countries.

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SPORTS

Yugoslav favourite for European Table Tennis Championships starting in Budapest

BUDAPEST (R) — John Hilton of England looks the man least likely to succeed when he defends his men's singles title in the European Table Tennis Championships which open here Saturday.

Hilton caused a major upset at the previous championships in Bern, Switzerland, two years ago when he swept out of the blue to take the title. No one was more surprised than Hilton himself.

But all has not gone well since then for the 34-year-old Englishman who plays in the West German League.

Despite his status as defending champion he has not been seeded here and was not even certain of a place in England's team.

The title seems sure to change hands and the favourite is vastly-experienced Yugoslav Dragutin Surbek. Number two seed Tibor

Klarnar is bound to receive strong vocal support when he leads the strong Hungarian challenge.

Sweden's Mikael Appelgren is seeded third with Jamaican-born England player Desmond Douglas ranked fourth.

One player who could provide an upset is the brilliant young Andzej Grubba of Poland. Grubba, seeded eighth, has played some spectacular table tennis this year and his superb backhand could prove particularly troublesome.

In the women's singles Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands has been seeded to meet England's Jill Hammersley in the final.

Hammersley, champion in Prague six years ago, could have difficulties if she gets to the quarter-finals where she is likely to play either Hungary's Judit Magos or

West Germany's Kirsten Kruger. Magos, the 1978 champion who uses the penholder grip, has beaten Hammersley twice this year and Kruger has also defeated the Englishwoman recently.

Czechoslovakia's Maria Hrachova has been seeded third and the titleholder, Valentia Popova of the Soviet Union, is the number four seed.

In the team events, which takes up the first four days of the week-long championships, Hungary will mount a determined effort to repeat their successes of the 1978 tournament in Duisberg, West Germany.

Hungary won the men's and women's team event as well as taking both singles.

Sweden will be defending the men's title this year while the Soviet Union are the defending women's champions.

British explorers stranded in the Arctic

LONDON (R) — Two British explorers attempting to be the first to circle the earth by both popular caps are stranded in the Arctic with only four days' rations, according to a radio report received in London Friday.

The support aircraft which lifts vital supplies to the men, Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Charles Burton, is grounded because of a fault in the starboard engine. Engineers at the explorers' base camp in Canada are working around the clock to remedy it.

The explorers heard of their predicament by radio after travelling 160 kms from the North Pole, which they reached five days ago, and experiencing temperatures of around minus 32 degrees centigrade.

"They intend to keep going for a while before clearing a new landing strip," said a London spokesman for the team. "We just hope the aircraft can be repaired in time."

The explorers planned to arrive back in England in early June at the end of a 83,000 km trek which began in London in September 1979. They crossed Antarctica in 1980, reaching the South Pole in December of that year.

Borg would miss Wimbledon rather than play in qualifying rounds

LONDON (R) — Bjorn Borg said Friday he would miss this year's Wimbledon tennis championships rather than play in the qualifying tournament, but Wimbledon officials still hope he will change his mind.

The 25-year-old Swede announced his decision at a press conference in Tokyo where he is preparing for a \$250,000 four-man challenge tournament this weekend.

But Sir Brian Burnett, the Wimbledon chairman, left the door ajar when he said in London: "Entries do not close until May 10

and I speak for the majority of the tennis world when I say I hope Bjorn Borg will change his mind before then."

Borg, Wimbledon's most popular champion who reigned supreme from 1976 to 1980, said it was unfair that he should have to qualify for Wimbledon.

Under the rules of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council (MIPTC), he must qualify for every tournament he enters because of his refusal to commit himself to a minimum of 10 Grand Prix events.

Borg, whose five-month rest

from tennis ended last week in Monte Carlo where he was thrashed by Frenchman Yannick Noah in the quarter-finals, had hoped Wimbledon would ignore the MIPTC ruling in view of his past record.

But at a meeting Thursday night the Wimbledon management committee upheld the MIPTC's decision, although they offered a compromise solution allowing the Swede to carry his 10 events over into the early months of 1983.

Borg said of the proposed compromise: "I don't think that's fair either. I don't know what will happen next year. I may take six months off."

Burnett, who described Borg as a fine player who had brought credit to the game by his immaculate behaviour, said the Swede was wrong to feel he was being penalised for having a rest.

"Under the offer we made him, he would only have had to play in seven tournaments in 1982, which is what he originally wanted, and not 10."

"It would appear his present

plans will cause him to play more tennis than if he had accepted our offer," Burnett said.

Borg had already announced he would miss the French Open, which he has won six times. He added Friday that he had not yet decided whether he would play in the U.S. Open or other Grand Prix tournaments, but he denied his career was coming to an end and said he might continue playing for a further five years.

He confirmed he would play in next week's tournament in Las Vegas even if he has to qualify, but he would not be drawn further on his plans.

Borg received support Friday from American John McEnroe, the man who beat him in last year's Wimbledon final.

McEnroe said the Swede's absence from Wimbledon would be bad for the tournament and added: "It hurts the game. It also hurts us, too, in the long run."

Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, the world's number two, has hinted that he will miss the event as he does not care for Wimbledon

World class hurdler Nehemiah joins San Francisco 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (A.P.) — World class hurdler Rinaldo "Skeets" Nehemiah is forsaking a chance to enter the 1984 Olympics to play pro football for the San Francisco 49ers.

The Super Bowl champions called a news conference Friday to introduce Nehemiah, who hasn't played football since high school five years ago.

The versatile, 23-year-old speedster is giving up the chance to go for a gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympics to sign a four-year contract worth more than \$500,000. It would make him one of the richest free agents in National Football League (NFL) history.

The 49ers are gambling that Nehemiah has the strength and durability necessary to survive as a wide receiver in the NFL.

Nehemiah is the only man ever to run the 110-metre high hurdles in less than 13 seconds (12.93). In his tryout with the 49ers, he ran 40-yards (36 m) on concrete in 4.1 seconds, faster than anyone in the NFL.

Alicante has ready made programme for '82 World Cup festivities

ALICANTE, Spain (R) — The mayor of Alicante is a happy man these days, for he knows he has a ready-made programme of World Cup festivities all set up and raring to go.

While city officials in the remaining 13 World Cup venues rack their brains for bright ideas to amuse thousands of soccer fans, this sun-kissed Mediterranean port has no such headaches.

The World Cup coincides with Alicante's annual San Juan Fiesta, a marathon bout of drinking, dancing, fireworks and bull fighting, and mayor Jose Luis Lassaletta Cano says: "We don't have to organise anything."

"Everything is already done by

British schoolboy forces a draw with Karpov

LONDON (R) — British schoolboy Nigel Short forced a draw with world chess champion Anatoly Karpov in the opening round of a grandmasters tournament Thursday night.

After five and a half hours, Nigel, 16, cornered the champion in perpetual check which led to stalemate after 55 moves.

Karpov refused to comment about the game, but a spokesman for the tournament's organisers said: "Obviously he is not happy and does not want to speak to reporters."

Nigel said: "I am pretty pleased with myself because I was fighting for my life most of the time."

the people who organise the San Juan Fiesta every year."

Officially, the Fiesta runs from June 21-29. In fact, the merry-making starts a week earlier and will cover the period during which Alicante and neighbouring Elche stage their five first-round matches.

The two cities 23 kilometres apart will host the Group Three programme comprising defending champions Argentina, much-fancied Belgium, Hungary and El Salvador.

At the moment, nobody down here seems very clear about El Salvador's World Cup plans, with the country torn by civil strife.

Local World Cup committee delegate Daniel Perez Jordan said he did not know where the team would be staying or when they were due to arrive.

The other three teams have long since laid their plans. Argentina and Hungary are staying at luxury hotels along the coast while Belgium are booked into the best hotel in Elche.

Alicante and Elche could hardly be better placed for foreign fans who want to combine football with tourism.

Apart from the revels of the San Juan Fiesta, visitors will have long stretches of beach within easy reach of both cities. The weather should be hot, with average June temperatures around 23 degrees centigrade.

Alicante was looking forward to large numbers of Argentine visitors, but the champion country's economic problems and the crisis over the Falkland Islands have sharply reduced bookings.

But even if only a few thousand Argentines made the costly trip to Spain, many more live in this country and can be relied on to give their team maximum support.

A big Belgian contingent is expected, with many thousands of Belgians already having booked holidays on Alicante's Costa Blanca.

At one stage, it was rumoured that up to 100,000 Belgians would be looking for seats in Elche's modern stadium, which has a capacity for around 55,000.

Local officials believe the 100,000 figure to be vastly exaggerated but extra trains have been scheduled to ease the strain on the narrow road between Alicante and Elche.

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WORLD

Mitterrand tells Tokyo: France will maintain nuclear deterrent

TOKYO (R) — President Francois Mitterrand Friday told Japan, twice devastated by atom bombs in World War II, that France could not give up its arsenal of defensive nuclear weapons.

Addressing the combined houses of parliament, Mr. Mitterrand said: "I live in a country which knew enemy occupation in World War II, but as president I do not have the right to leave my country defenceless."

The president, who in opposition denounced France's acquisition of nuclear weapons 20 years ago, said that without its nuclear deterrent France would have no national defence system.

He told a press conference that he understood the unfavourable Japanese reaction to French nuclear tests in the South Pacific, but added: "I regret that things are like this but I will not put France back again in the situation it was in 40 years ago."

Small anti-nuclear protests have occurred during the first three days of Mr. Mitterrand's official visit to Japan, the first by a French president.

A right-wing group sent several vans blaring anti-nuclear slogans Tokyo streets Friday and about 200 people carrying banners saying "President Mitterrand — stop nuclear tests" demonstrated in central Sakamoto park.

The mayor of Hiroshima, one of the two bombed cities, complained earlier it was not being visited by Mr. Mitterrand although Italian President Sandro Pertini went there last month.

During Mr. Mitterrand's speech, 50 seats normally occupied by Communist representatives were empty. But spokesman for parliament and the Japanese Communist Party said no boycott had been organised.

Mr. Mitterrand said Japanese leaders that he had met told him they were deeply concerned over the proliferation of strategic nuclear weapons in the East and West.

But he described the balance of conventional and tactical nuclear weapons in Europe as favouring the Soviet Union and representing a danger to peace.

He said arms reductions should be discussed when the seven lea-

ding western industrial countries, including Japan, hold a summit in France in June.

Mr. Mitterrand said the future of Japan's soaring trade surplus with the West must be settled before France and Japan could make progress in other areas of interest to them both.

The president and five ministers accompanying him have mounted a political campaign to persuade Japan to liberalise trade or risk isolation in international talks.

Japan has announced it will finalise its second trade package in three months on May 7.

Mr. Mitterrand told the Japanese parliament there were real problems between Japan and the European Common Market on trade but he hoped they could be overcome. It would be unjust and wrong for Western nations to accuse Japan just because it was successful.

OAU head in Tanzania

DARES SALAAM (R) — Edem Kodjo, Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), arrived Friday for talks with Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere on the crisis caused by the Saharan Democratic Republic's (SDR) admission to the Pan African body.

Admission in February of the Polisario Liberation Front, which formed the SDR, prompted a Moroccan-led boycott of 19 countries of OAU meetings.

Tanzania has been a strong supporter of the Polisario, which is at war with Morocco for control of the Western Sahara.

Tanzanian government sources said that the Morocco-led threat to the OAU would not cause Tanzania to slacken its support for the Polisario.

Guess who planted the bomb



A woman tries to explain to a gunman what happened in the mysterious explosion inside an apartment house on crowded Hamra Street in West Beirut Thursday. (A.P. Wirephoto)

16 killed in SWAPO spring raid

WINDHOEK, South-West Africa (A.P.) — Black guerrillas from Angola raided 120 kilometres into South-West Africa and were moving deeper into a white farming area despite firefights in which 16 men were killed, security officials said Friday.

They told reporters 10 guerrillas and six soldiers have been killed since last Saturday.

Serious proportions

Knowledgeable unofficial sources said the raid by an estimated 100 members of the South-West Africa Peoples Organisation (SWAPO) was the largest ever mounted by SWAPO in the area north of Tsumeb town. Security officials told reporters 10 guerrillas and five soldiers have been killed since last Saturday.

The officials said guerrillas seeking to end South African control in South-West Africa (Namibia) customarily enter the Tsumeb area in April, after seasonal rain has produced dense vegetation. They said the present SWAPO group was better armed than previous groups, with mortars and rocket-propelled grenades.

SWAPO has been fighting for 16 years to expel the South African army from the area.

India clinches Mirage deal

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — An Indian government spokesman on Friday confirmed press reports that an agreement had been reached with the French firm of Marcel Dassault for the purchase of 40 supersonic Mirage-2000 jet fighters.

The United News of India (UNI) earlier reported that the document of "intention to proceed," signed recently in Paris, provides for the purchase of 40 Mirage-2000 jets with the option to assemble or manufacture another 110 in India. The deal was estimated to be worth \$3 billion.

The spokesman said an official announcement on the deal would be made "shortly" in the ruling lower house of parliament during the course of a defence ministry debate. A parliamentary official reported that the debate was likely to begin next Monday or Tuesday.

from dummy and captured East's queen with the ace. Declarer returned a club and, when West followed with the two, he inserted the eight from dummy. East won and shifted to the nine of spades, and the defenders grabbed four spade tricks for down one.

Declarer suffered from a common malady—he failed to count his tricks before playing to the opening lead. Had he done so, he would have realized that he had six tricks in the red suits, and therefore, needed only three tricks from the black suits to fulfill his contract. Most important was that he did not want East to gain the lead, for an attack through his king of spades could prove fatal to the contract.

There was an almost sure way of making the contract at trick one—declarer should have played a low club from the table! East cannot gain by putting up the queen (if he does, declarer has at least three fast club tricks). Now declarer simply follows low from his hand as well. Unless the ten of clubs was a singleton, declarer is assured of three club tricks and his game.

What if West started with four clubs headed by the Q-10-9? It matters not. East will show out when declarer later cashes the ace of clubs, and the finesse will be marked. If both defenders follow to the ace of clubs, the suit has split 3-2 and the queen will fall.

North-South vulnerable.
North deals.

NORTH
♠ 53
♥ K103
♦ AK64
♣ KJ83

EAST
♠ Q984
♥ J75
♦ 972
♣ 1085

WEST
♠ AJ106
♥ Q862
♦ 972
♣ 102

SOUTH
♠ K72
♥ A94
♦ QJ3
♣ A764

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Ten of ♣.

Make your contract if you can! All other considerations are secondary.

The auction was short and to the point. South's jump in no trump showed a balanced hand of 13-15 points and North knew where he wanted to play the hand.

West was reluctant to lead from either major suit lest he present declarer with a trick he could not otherwise make, so he made the rather unusual choice of the ten of clubs. Since the lead seemed to mark West with the nine as well, declarer thought he could bring in the whole suit. He covered with the jack

Daily News in a squeeze

NEW YORK — New York's largest paper, The Daily News, is locked into a negotiation for survival, a battle many of its employees fear it will lose.

In a business of deadlines, the major deadline for the survival of the news is April 25. This is the date that its potential new publisher set for the paper's 11 unions to agree to radical cost-cutting measures or face going under.

The news owners have said that if potential buyer Joe Allbritton fails to win union agreement, it will shut the news.

But what Texas millionaire banker Allbritton wants is something no New York newspaper publisher has ever won from the city's entrenched print unions — the right to sever up to 40 per cent of the staff regardless of seniority, freeze wages for two years and have a guarantee of no strikes for five years.

The severity of his demands coupled with the owners' warning has caused widespread pessimism at the paper.

The demands strike at the heart of union power in New York's newspaper industry and are complicated by contracts that would make any "give-backs" at the news apply to New York's two other papers, The Post and The Times.

The loss of benefits at one paper would then translate into union losses at three newspapers — something many union leaders would be loath to recommend.

The extent to which this prospect had disturbed the unions could be seen last week when George McDonald, the leader of a group representing all print unions, invited Post publisher Rupert Murdoch to consider taking over The News.

The idea would be that Mr. Murdoch, the Australian press magnate who also owns The Times of London, could operate two papers at a cost-savings that would leave basic contracts untouched.

The proposal left Mr. Murdoch "battered" and so upset Mr. Allbritton that he suspended talks until the situation was clarified, although he left his April 25 deadline intact.

In a statement, he reiterated that he was "the buyer of last resort," a chilling phrase for The News' 3,800 workers.

Mr. Murdoch has said he would respond to Mr. McDonald's proposal — although it was doubtful whether the newspaper's owner, the Tribune Company of Chicago, would be interested in turning the paper over to a publisher it harbours much bitterness against.

Hunt on

Air and ground units were continuing efforts to locate and attack the guerrillas, he said. A large number of land mines planted by guerrillas were reported found in the area.

Two guerrillas were killed Thursday and eight on Saturday in a firefight with Namibian police, Brig. Klopper said. A police spokesman said Tuesday the fight was the biggest in Namibia in the past year.

"These terrorists are seemingly well equipped and armed, which indicates that the Eastern-bloc Communist countries are beginning to re-equip their pawn, SWAPO," Brig. Klopper said.

"There are at the moment sufficient security forces deployed in the area and they have the situation in control."

Foreign businessmen in China rapped

PEKING (R) — China's leading ideological journal said Friday some foreign businessmen were spies and accused others of bribing and corrupting Chinese officials.

The fortnightly Red Flag expressed support for the current campaign against foreign "bourgeois" ideas which are being blamed for widespread corruption.

It said in an editorial quoted by the New China News Agency: "As for those foreign traders who go in for swindling, bribing, speculation, infiltration or even espionage, they will meet with firm resistance and some will be prosecuted."

But the journal added that China should take a welcoming attitude to "foreign business people who are willing to cooperate and do business in a proper way."

The editorial follows a claim last month by the director of the Communist Party propaganda department, Wang Ruosheng, that some foreigners in China were spies and some overseas businessmen were out to make money by fair means or foul.

Western diplomats cautioned against interpreting the editorial as heralding an indiscriminate xenophobic campaign such as took place during the Cultural Revolution of the late 1960s when almost all foreigners were branded as spies.

But they said there was a danger that recent press attacks on the negative aspect of China's recent opening to the West, including corruption and pornography, could be misused at local level, possibly resulting in harassment of foreigners.

The diplomats noted that the authorities appeared serious in their attempts to fight corruption, which is rife in many areas, and said foreigners, especially overseas Chinese businessmen, were partly to blame.

When state bus company drivers struck for more pay last month nearly 1,000 were fired and jailed and the strike was swiftly broken. Nurses and teachers were treated similarly.

A similar pragmatism will govern Zimbabwe's relations with the industrialised world, diplomats believe. Zimbabwe needs foreign investment and will reach out to get it, provided the foreigners are prepared to accept a responsibility towards improving Zimbabwe's development and a degree of state participation, they say.

Many whites argue that standards of health and education are

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Haddad's militias unearth mine

TEL AVIV (R) — Rightist militias in South Lebanon uncovered an anti-tank mine in the town of Marjayoun today, blamed Palestinian guerrillas for planting it. Major Saad Haddad, militia commander, told reporters at a border crossing point west of the town that it was the second mine found this week, while one of the tanks had hit another one last week. The border area has been tense for some weeks following persistent reports abroad that the Israeli army was poised to invade Lebanon to expel Palestinian commando concentrations there.

Malaysia to host Islamic university

KUALA LUMPUR (A.P.) — The international Islamic University will be situated at the holiday resort Fraser's Hill, 40 kilometres north of this Malaysian capital, Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah reported Thursday. Malaysia Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad received support for the establishment of a university to teach Islamic studies during tour in March of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and other Middle East countries. The university is expected to begin operation next year. English and Arabic will be the media of instruction.

Burg denies abuse charges

JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg Friday denied charges by a retired, former court judge of abusive behaviour by Israeli soldiers toward Druze residents on the Golan Heights. Former Justice Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who heads the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), told a press conference Thursday that some Druze men had refused to exchange military identity passes for civilian cards had been mistreated by soldiers. Mr. Cohn alleged some soldiers were not implementing Israeli law "but the law of barbarians."

Iranian rebels claim reprisals

BEIRUT (A.P.) — Iran's opposition group, the Mujahideen Khalq, claimed Friday supporters in the Iranian Air Force have "punished" several officers responsible for executions, arrests and purges of Mujahideen members. The claim, contained in a statement read to the Associated Press in Beirut by a telephone caller from the Mujahideen's P.O. office, did not say what form "punishment" took and the caller would not elaborate.

Gulf nets millions for Muslim rebels

MANAMA (A.P.) — A campaign for funds to support the struggle of "freedom fighters" in Afghanistan and the Palestinians netting millions of dollars in the Gulf area, reports here show Thursday. Gulf newspapers cited as an example one Saudi businessman, identified as Salem Mahfouz, who donated \$6 million to "the fight of Afghan Muslims against Russian atheism." The Bahrain government has a donated \$250,000 and private donations were gathered in the state of Qatar at an average \$100,000 a day.

Saudi prince's guards booked

MIAMI, Florida (A.P.) — The bodyguards of a Saudi Arabian prince who was granted diplomatic immunity have been booked on charges of battery of a policeman after they scuffled with police investigating reports a servant was being held captive in the prince's quarters. Metro-Dade police arrested the three bodyguards at the cricket club of dominion in northeastern Dade County Friday. They were taken to the Dade County jail records. Fredrick F. Massie.

Handwritten signature or stamp in Arabic script.